
SENATE BILL 5310

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By Senator Hochstatter

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1 AN ACT Relating to salaries for judges and elective offices;
2 amending RCW 2.04.092, 2.06.062, 2.08.092, 3.58.010, 3.58.020, and
3 43.03.010; adding a new section to chapter 43.03 RCW; repealing RCW
4 43.03.305 and 43.03.310; and providing a contingent effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.03 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 It is the duty of the legislature to set the salaries for members
9 of the legislature, elected state officials, and judges. The
10 legislature may only make changes to salaries prior to November in
11 even-numbered years. No changes to salaries may be made in odd-
12 numbered years.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 2.04.092 and 1986 c 155 s 4 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 The annual salary of justices of the supreme court shall be
16 established by the (~~Washington citizens' commission on salaries for~~
17 ~~elected officials~~) legislature. No salary warrant may be issued to a
18 justice of the supreme court until the justice files with the state

1 treasurer an affidavit that no matter referred to the justice for
2 opinion or decision has been uncompleted or undecided for more than six
3 months.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 2.06.062 and 1986 c 155 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The annual salary of the judges of the court of appeals shall be
7 established by the (~~Washington citizens' commission on salaries for~~
8 ~~elected officials~~) legislature. No salary warrant may be issued to
9 any judge until the judge files with the state treasurer an affidavit
10 that no matter referred to the judge for opinion or decision has been
11 uncompleted for more than six months.

12 **Sec. 4.** RCW 2.08.092 and 1986 c 155 s 6 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 The annual salary of the judges of the superior court shall be
15 established by the (~~Washington citizens' commission on salaries for~~
16 ~~elected officials~~) legislature.

17 **Sec. 5.** RCW 3.58.010 and 1986 c 155 s 7 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 The annual salary of each full time district court judge shall be
20 established by the (~~Washington citizen's commission on salaries for~~
21 ~~elected officials~~) legislature. A member of the legislature whose
22 term of office is partly coextensive with or extends beyond the present
23 term of office of any of the officials whose salary is increased by
24 virtue of the provisions of RCW 43.03.010, 2.04.092, 2.06.062,
25 2.08.092, and 3.58.010 shall be eligible to be appointed or elected to
26 any of the offices the salary of which is increased hereby but he or
27 she shall not be entitled to receive such increased salary until after
28 the expiration of his or her present term of office and his or her
29 subsequent election or reelection to the office to which he or she was
30 appointed or elected respectively during his or her term of office as
31 legislator.

32 **Sec. 6.** RCW 3.58.020 and 1991 c 338 s 3 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 The annual salaries of part time district judges shall be set by
35 the (~~citizens' commission on salaries~~) legislature.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.03.010 and 1989 c 10 s 8 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The annual salaries of the following named state elected officials
4 shall be prescribed by the (~~Washington citizens' commission on~~
5 ~~salaries for elected officials~~) legislature: Governor; lieutenant
6 governor: PROVIDED, That in arriving at the annual salary of the
7 lieutenant governor the (~~commission~~) legislature shall prescribe a
8 fixed amount plus a sum equal to 1/260th of the difference between the
9 annual salary of the lieutenant governor and the annual salary of the
10 governor for each day that the lieutenant governor is called upon to
11 perform the duties of the governor by reason of the absence from the
12 state, removal, resignation, death, or disability of the governor;
13 secretary of state; state treasurer; state auditor; attorney general;
14 superintendent of public instruction; commissioner of public lands; and
15 state insurance commissioner. Members of the legislature shall receive
16 for their service per annum the amount prescribed by the (~~Washington~~
17 ~~citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials~~) legislature;
18 and in addition, reimbursement for mileage for travel to and from
19 legislative sessions as provided in RCW 43.03.060.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act takes effect January 1, 2002, if
21 the proposed amendment to Article XXVIII, section 1 of the state
22 Constitution (repealing the independent commission that establishes
23 judges and elected officials' salaries, SJR (S-0845.1/01)) is
24 validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by the voters at the
25 next general election. If the proposed amendment is not approved and
26 ratified, this act is void in its entirety.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
28 repealed:

29 (1) RCW 43.03.305 (Washington citizens' commission on salaries for
30 elected officials--Generally) and 1999 c 102 s 1, 1995 c 3 s 1, 1993 c
31 281 s 46, & 1986 c 155 s 2; and

32 (2) RCW 43.03.310 (Duties of citizens' commission--Travel
33 expenses--Chair--Schedule of salaries--Publication--Hearings) and 1998
34 c 164 s 1, 1995 c 3 s 2, & 1986 c 155 s 3.

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